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Editorial.

HAVE you read the announcement and advertisement on page sixteen? It will interest you.

DOES a pastor do his duty who never presents the cause of the Publishing House to his people and urges them to subscribe for the paper? What do you think about it, brethren?

THE Elkhart County Union Meeting will be held at Elkhart, Ind., July 24 and 25, instead of July 31, as previously announced. All the members of the association are invited to be present.

EVERY paper prepared to be read at our coming conference should be along the line of practical church work. We have had enough "theorising" and "resoluting," let us have something of the practical kind, something that will count for Christ, the church and lost humanity.

IF you contemplate purchasing any books and expect to attend National Conference, hold your order for that time. The Publication Board will have something new on sale, something that will interest you. A Bible has lately been put on the market that is decidedly unique; you will want a copy; it is one of the most convenient things in the Bible line we have ever seen.

THERE is a great work for us to do at the coming conference at Johnstown. Let each member of the Brethren church make it a subject of earnest prayer that the work may be done with but one motive, and that to honor and glorify the name of God. If you are prompted by any other motive then it were far better that you should remain at home. There is no need of spending our money to come together in National Conference for the purpose of advancing the cause of self. This we can do and do successfully at home. We fear that too many are doing this and that is

one reason why the cause of Christ suffers. *Self* has no place in our work for Christ. The spirit of the gospel is antagonistic to the spirit of selfishness, and if we would succeed in gospel work we must eliminate self. The more of Christ in the heart the less room there will be for self. The person who aims and works for the promotion of self will never do anything for the promotion of the cause of the blessed Master. The dear Lord does not make his home in the heart where self reigns.

PERMIT US a friendly word with our contributors. Please tell us why you persist in writing with a led pencil when the rules of every well regulated printing office forbid the use of the pencil in preparing manuscript? Now why? Will you read this item? Every week we receive manuscript written with pencil on the poorest paper that can be found anywhere. Why is this? Use pen and black ink; write plainly; leave room between the lines unless you write so perfectly that no corrections are needed.

WE should like to have a regular correspondent in each congregation who will send us the news at least once a month. A postal card is often sufficient for this. Tell us briefly about the work of your congregation, the money raised for missionary purposes, the work of the Sunday-school, Young People's Society, S. S. C. E., and all other departments of church work. You need not write a long essay on these subjects, it is news, items of interest to the brotherhood, that we want. Is there nothing "going on" in your congregation? If not, then be about doing something.

REPORTS from different places of the brotherhood show that our ministers have not gone to the "Seashore" for a vacation. These reports also prove just what we have been trying to impress upon our people, that as good a work can be done for the Lord in the summer as in the winter. Why should the minister of the gospel relax his

efforts during the summer months? Does Satan cease his work of destruction? Why then should we cease our work of salvation? "In season and out of season" was the motto of the apostle Paul. Physically, during these warm days, a man needs greater care than in the winter. May it not be so spiritually? Keep the work going, as long as there are souls to save, "keep at it."

MINISTERS will do the Publication Board and the cause in general a good service by sending to this office the names of members in their congregations who do not now take the BRETHREN EVANGELIST. We have already had a number of responses to this call and hope to have many more.

IF you contemplate attending National Conference (and we hope you do) and live west of Warsaw, Ind., or anywhere near Warsaw, it will be to your interest financially and otherwise to send your name at once to brother C. F. Yoder. See announcement on another page. You can get half rates to Warsaw, and from there you will get a rate a little less than one-half fare to Pittsburg.

IN the department, "Our Bible School," we give a number of instances with Bible references of unanswered prayers. It is safe to say that far more prayers are unanswered than answered, and the fault is not God's either. Our God is a prayer-hearing and a prayer answering God. There are thousands of God's people who can testify to answers they have received to prayer; and there are thousands of others who have, perhaps, prayed just as much but who can not so testify. Why not? Let the reader work this problem out for himself. We do well to study these instances of unanswered prayer; perhaps we have had similar experiences with the people who offered these prayers, and it will be important to know just why these things are so. "Are all true prayers always answered?" is a question to which